

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Review Item:

703 KAR 5:170, Kentucky Highly Skilled Educator Program Criteria

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 156.070, KRS 158.782, 703 KAR 5:170

History/Background:

Existing Policy. In 1992, 703 KAR 5:170 established the criteria for the Kentucky Distinguished Educator Program. In 1998, the name of the program was changed to the Kentucky Highly Skilled Educator program. The regulation that described the criteria for submitting an application to the program and the subsequent process for selecting candidates was never updated with the new name. In addition, the process for selecting candidates has been modified and the recommended changes reflect current practice. Finally, the existing method for determining compensation for Highly Skilled Educators has been added to the language in the regulation to also reflect current practice.

The changes being recommended to this regulation are necessary to reflect the current practice in selecting applicants to the program, to eliminate confusion caused by the incorrect name currently used in regulation and to set out the method for compensating Kentucky's Highly Skilled Educators.

Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:

The Local Superintendents Advisory Council will review the regulation at its next meeting and provide feedback to the Board.

Impact on Getting to Proficiency:

These changes will ensure that the Highly Skilled Educator program criteria are accurate and thus produce the most qualified set of applicants each year. This will, in turn, provide a higher level of service to the assistance level schools that are in need of the most intensive services to reach proficiency.

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